

LAFAYETTE COMMISSION ON THE NEEDS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2016

Members Present: Ann E. Burruss, Elsie Jones-Azare, JoAnn LeJune, Trasima Richard, Kris Manuel-Sparks, Megan Morris, Deborah E. White, Patsy Randall, Marlice Young-Dugas, Amy Deaville LCG Liaison

Members Excused: Brenda Andrus, Martha Bryant, Jennifer Webre, Sally Donolon, Claudia Hall

The meeting was called to order by Megan Morris at 5:29 pm.
Kris Manuel-Sparks read the purpose.

REFLECTION

JoAnn LeJune read the reflection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Trasima Richard to accept the minutes, seconded by JoAnn LeJune. Passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Amy Deaville brought a notice for a package/certified mail to be picked up at the PO, Megan Morris go and pick up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached treasurer's report. Motion made by Kris Manuel-Sparks to accept the report, seconded by Elsie Jones-Azare. Passed.
Money due to JoAnn LeJune for Awards and Trophies. Awards were for Tracy Mouton-9 years on Commission and Brenda Andrus-Past President.
Paid \$100.00 check to NACW for yearly dues.
Paid \$25.00 check to ULL Women's Conference for Vendor fee.
Paid \$78.55 check to Megan Morris for mailbox yearly fee and miscellaneous items.
Megan Morris asked if the Commission could reimburse her for the reception held this past Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the amount of \$55.57.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: No report.

Membership/Hospitality: No report.

Health: Deborah Elaine White gave report on updating of Commission display board with photos and cutting down on the wordiness of the board. All agreed that this needs to be done. Reported that she will set up the board at the ULL Women's Conference along with applications for Commission membership and questionnaire in order to make the public aware of the Commission and what our purpose in the community is. Megan Morris also suggested that we make a tri-fold brochure regarding Commission to have at events like this.

Legislative/Legal: No legislative report.

Megan Morris read Jennifer Webre's response for the Task Force public service announcement regarding the female custodial workers. The PSA was discussed and Kris Manuel-Sparks made the correction of putting Lafayette, Louisiana 70505 instead of Oil Center Post Office. Trasima Richard made motion to accept with amended changes and was seconded by JoAnn LeJune.

Education: Marlice Young-Dugas advised that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and would like to partner with Hearts of Hope, Faith House, Justice Center, CASA to try and have a proclamation on the Courthouse steps in order to bring awareness to the community. Marlice will contact Mayor-President Joel Robideaux to try and set this up for April 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Will report back to the Commission when all is scheduled. Also reported that CASA Family Fun Day is April 16, 2016 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Publicity/Public Relations: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Attendance Policy Amendment: Megan Morris read the updated Attendance Policy Amendment and opened floor for discussion. Everyone read revised amendment and had no objections to new amendment. Motion made by Trasima Richard and was seconded by Deborah Elaine White. All in favor 8, opposed 1. Motion carried.
- b. Membership Applications: Megan Morris reported that 2 applications were reviewed by the Executive Board. Megan Morris also sent each applicant an email inviting them to the reception on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Megan Morris to contact Brenda Andrus in order that she can reschedule her committee to review these applications and the ones collected at the reception for next week. Also need to schedule new date for interviews. JoAnn LeJune stated that she has 2 more applications but when she contacted each to ask for a resume, neither applicant wanted to send resume and neither was interested any longer in becoming a Commission member.
- c. ULL Women's Conference: LCNW to have a vendor table at the conference March 9, 2016, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Convention Center. Deborah Elaine White and Trasima Richard to attend all day with Megan Morris to take one shift 7:30 am/11:30 am and Ann Burress to take shift from 12:00 pm/3:30 pm. LCNW paid for vendor fee which includes 2 tickets. Megan Morris has attendance forms that 2 members will have to purchase their tickets.
- d. Google Dropbox: Megan Morris made a Google Dropbox account for all LCNW forms and documents online in order for each member to be able to have access. Each member has to register in order to gain access.

NEW BUSINESS

Megan Morris to update Jennifer Webre on revised Task Force PSA.

LCNW Newsletter: Megan Morris stated that she would like to see the Commission have a quarterly or biannual newsletter and brought a couple of the old newsletters for members to look at. Last newsletter was published in 2009.

- a. Which committee would put together/publish newsletter. Was stated that this should be Publicity/Public Relations.
- b. Ann Burress stated that we should weigh whether or not it would be worth publishing one and what would be included. Also stated that we could contact Germaine Breaux to see if she has a template for a newsletter or see if Claudia Hall would be able to do this.
- c. Marlice Dugas-Young stated that it would be a good way to stimulate brain as which events/organizations we could become involved/partner with.
- d. Deborah Elaine White stated that everyone could write a paragraph about one thing in order to be able to publish one for this year.

Quarterly Social Date/Location Ideas: May/September/November were dates given for the next events. Discussion on what to have, where to have, etc.

- a. Megan Morris stated that Propel Women is having a lunch/lean luncheon next Friday, March 18, 2016 at River Oaks, \$18/pp. Stated that it is open to all women. Ann Burruss asked what Propel was about; Megan Morris stated that they have a Facebook page Propel Women-Lafayette Chapter, which was informative regarding the organization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

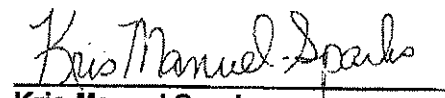
JoAnn LeJune - Family Tree to host program Bread or Stones, statewide, regarding child hunger. To be held at Family Tree, March 31, 2016, during the day. JoAnn LeJune to send email regarding this event.

Ann Burruss - Power of Public Education, March 10, 2016, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Lafayette Public Library Main Branch, 301 Congress Street. Free to public. This will be a round table discussion with legislators regarding education K-12.

Ann Burruss - Contacted by AOC to see if they can come and tape a LCNW Commission meeting.

Adjourn - JoAnn LeJune made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trasima Richard at 6:47 pm.


Megan Morris
President


Kris Manuel Sparks
Recording Secretary